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**MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT FOR FMPC COMMUNITY MEETING
RESCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 1990**

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FERNALD, Ohio September 13 -- A community meeting focusing on environmental restoration activities at the Feed Materials Production Center, originally planned for Saturday, September 22, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m. at The Plantation, 9660 Dry Fork Road, near Harrison High School.

As originally planned, the meeting was to have been held at the FMPC in combination with a public open house. Gerald W. Westerbeck, U. S. Department of Energy site manager at the FMPC, said that the meeting date and location have been changed at the suggestion of both the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Region V and representatives of Fernald Residents for Environment, Safety, and Health (FRESH).

"We had intended to supplement our ongoing program of community meetings with the added dimension of an open house to allow visitors to see for themselves what has been accomplished in terms of cleanup at the FMPC," Westerbeck said. "However, discussions with U. S. EPA and some members of the community have led us to conclude that participation in the meeting may be diminished due to the timing and location of the event."

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Westerbeck said "DOE's primary goal in conducting these regular community meetings is to provide our neighbors with as much information as possible, while at the same time listening to their concerns and hearing their views on the alternatives we are considering as part of the FMPC cleanup and environmental restoration effort. We have determined that the community would be better served by rescheduling the event."

Westerbeck said that open house activities will be held as planned for September 22. The open house will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will include displays and exhibits focusing on the shift in emphasis at the FMPC from uranium metal production to site cleanup and environmental restoration, as well as tours of the facility for interested visitors.

Westinghouse Materials Company of Ohio (WMC0), operating contractor at the FMPC, is preparing various displays and exhibits for the open house and making arrangements to conduct tours of the facility for interested visitors.

Representatives of DOE and WMC0 will be available to discuss the current activities at the site. Representatives of the U. S. and Ohio Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA) have been invited to attend and be on hand to respond to visitors' questions.

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Also participating will be personnel from Advanced Sciences Inc. (ASI) and International Technology Corp. (IT), which are conducting studies to determine the extent and nature of the environmental problems associated with the site and developing alternatives for final cleanup and remediation actions. Representatives of the Ralph M. Parsons Co., which was recently selected to design the remediation projects at the site, will also be present. These companies will also have informative exhibits.

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